

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

BY REV. M. BOSSAERT

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

WE TOO MUST BEAR WITNESS TO CHRIST

Before a battle a commander encourages his soldiers to fight bravely in order to win the victory, and in the same way Jesus encouraged His Apostles, after foretelling the troubles that they would have to undergo.

1. Our Lord's prophecy was fulfilled after the Apostles received the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, St. Peter spoke boldly and convinced the Jews of the divinity of Christ and of the truth of His doctrine, so that about 3,000 were converted and became Christians.

2. We too ought to bear witness to our belief in Jesus Christ, the true Son of God, and in His doctrine, and we should love Him with all our hearts.

Another paper, commenting on the untoward conditions says: "In all the fields of human hope and passion and ambition, there is only one rock of safety—character."

my distractions, the loss of comfort and consolation I experience, the more trouble I take to put heart and life into formulas made familiar by long years of use—the more meritorious is my prayer, the greater honor and glory it gives to God, the more grace I am likely to receive from Him.

WORLDWIDE CRIME

No matter from what section of the wide, wide world exchanges come and tell the depressing story of increasing crime—Murder, burglary, highway robbery, criminal assault, divorce—every crime in the calendar is being perpetrated and the culprits, too often, are "getting away with it."

The Catholic Press of Sydney, Australia, partially sizes up the trouble in this wise: "Everything comes to the young Australian without trouble. A paternal government waits on him with free education, and like everything else that is free, those who accept it seldom appreciate it."

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When He gave us a mind, a heart, and a will, He meant to render us capable of knowing, loving, and serving Him. How greatly this end honors us.

That God would render us capable of loving Him, and that He would accept our love, is the grandeur of Christian grace, the most brilliant testimony of God's infinite condescension. The inferior cannot presume to love one who is above him.

DUTY TO GOD

Prayer is a duty and a necessity. It may be, at times it will be, a great comfort and consolation; but this is a matter concerning which we should be as indifferent as possible.

Church, all in her laws; and, lastly, the laws of our state. Herein is contained the testimony of the expressed will of God.

Let us base our sanctity on this firm rock; let the first foundation of our religious life be the exact and rigorous observance of the law explicitly laid down and of the law of justice; for the religious life, while subject to the counsels, does not dispense from the common law.

THE REAL AND THE MYSTERIOUS

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Lord Danraven and his distinguished associates now supply valuable corroborative evidence. The winning of freedom for Ireland is not, and never has been, a religious issue.

THE GREAT MAJORITY WERE CATHOLICS

The refusal of the Irish people, during the War, to allow the entire young manhood of the nation to be conscripted for the purpose of saving their hereditary enemy from impending defeat, has been widely used by British propagandists to create the impression that Ireland did little to help the cause of the Allies.

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stations during Lent. "Five times a week," he answered, "and some of them had to come miles to attend."

HE WAS INDUSTRIOUS IN HIS ways, and after his conversion, a zealous promoter of the Faith among the Indians. He was buried near St. Joseph's Church on Black Pipe Creek.—The Pilot.

PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN VIRTUE

How carefully a mechanic learns his trade, how life long is his patient and skilful toil in exercising it. A student of science spends many years among books and under professors that he may at last become a learned teacher.

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Charity begins with patience and ends with endurance.—Cardinal Manning.

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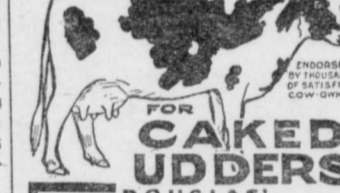
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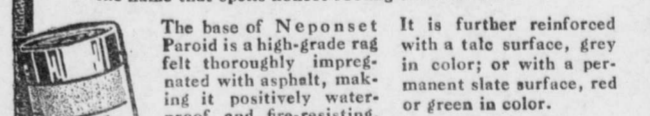


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